

STATE ROUTE 98 (STATE ROUTE 111 TO STATE ROUTE 7)

OVERALL GOAL

- Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, increase capacity, and relieve congestion in and around the City of Calexico.
- Accommodate NAFTA, interregional and local traffic by improving access between the new Calexico East Federal Port of Entry to SR-111 and beyond.

PROJECT

State Route 98 (SR-98) is an east/west two-lane conventional highway, which parallels the international border in Imperial County. The plan calls for widening and/or realigning of SR-98 between State Route 111 and State Route 7 from two to four lanes (six in some locations). The project will require acquisition of additional right of way, and relocation of irrigation systems. This project is included in the state's Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

STATUS

The project is currently in the Project Report/Environmental Document phase. A Value Analysis Study was prepared to help identify alignment alternatives to be evaluated during this phase.

TRAFFIC

SR-98, along with SR-7, is expected to facilitate the increase in the movement of cross-border traffic with Mexico as a result of NAFTA. Traffic forecasts indicate that widening SR-98 is needed to accommodate the current and future traffic demands, and to help relieve congestion in the City of Calexico.

FUNDING

The estimate cost of the project is \$66.8 million. There is currently \$8.9 million of TCRP and \$2.5 million of STIP-RIP funds programmed. The project also has received a Federal Congressional Earmark for \$4 million. An additional \$51.8 million is needed to fully fund the project.

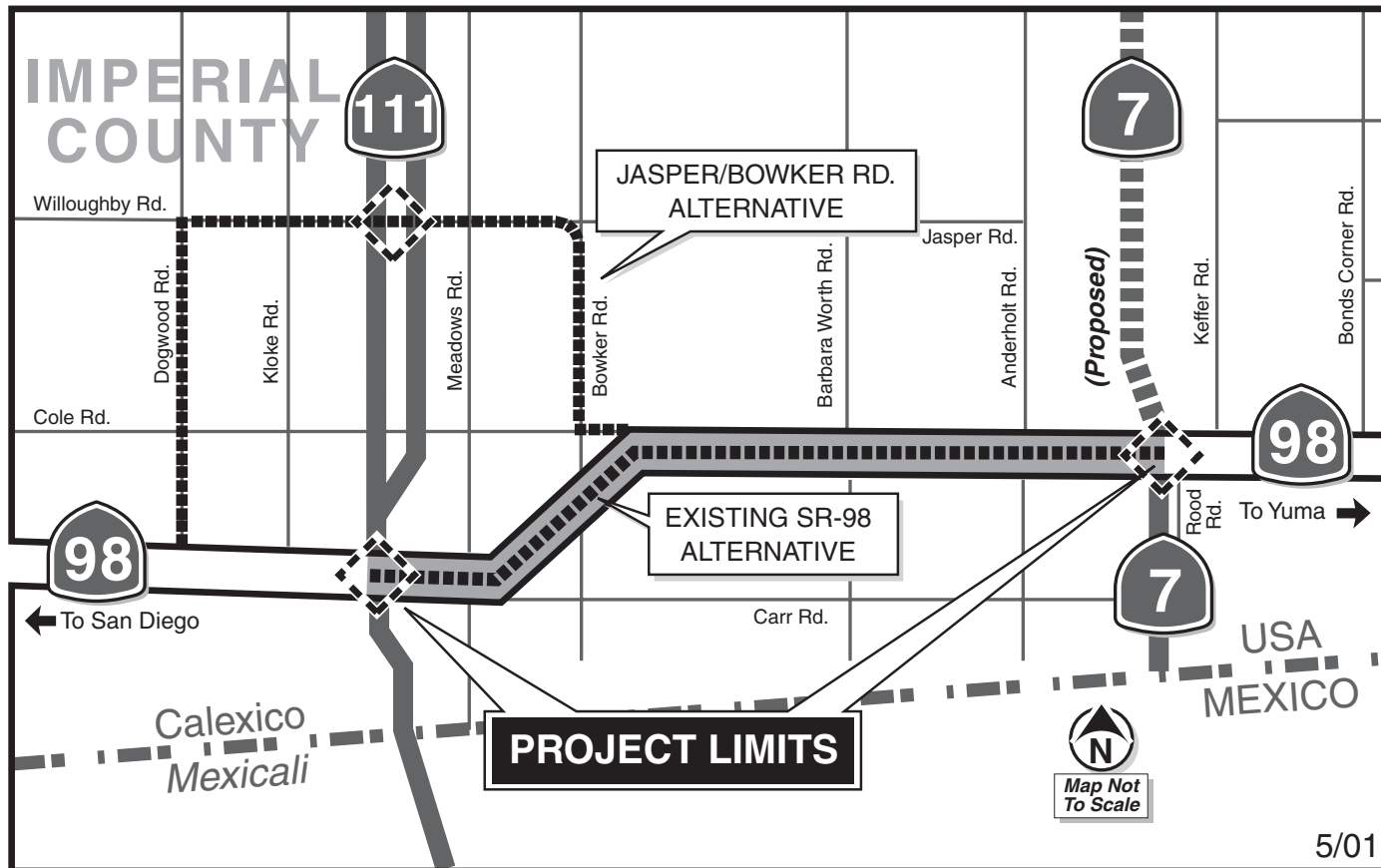
SCHEDULE

Due to funding and resource constraints, work on the project had been suspended but Caltrans does plan to restart the environmental phase in early 2008. It is estimated that the environmental phase and the selection of the alignment alternative will be completed by 2010. The scheduled for design and construction will be contingent on the availability of funding.

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Legend

- Alternatives Under Consideration
- ◇ Possible Interchange